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8/26/2020 11:45	RY MORAN	I am reaching out to your office as one of your local constituents with a very important issue. I want you to know that I stand 100% with my local police officers and do not want to see any budget cuts to their department. All police officers are not perfect, but I know that the vast majority of police officers put their lives on the line to protect us. Do not cut their budget or punish them because of the tragedy that took place in Minneapolis. We need to work with our local police department to improve their practices, not defund them. Defend the police, don't defund them.
8/26/2020 11:48	Stoney B. Wantland	Please DO NOT defund the Salt Lake City Police! I see the police of our fine city as my protectors, not my enemies. If a police officer beats or kills a citizen, they should be held accountable, however, most of our officers do not beat or kill our citizens. Instead, they defend us and I support them.
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8/24/2020	Connor Hammond	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD’s well documented history of lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of “reform” are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, *Continued 1/2*</p>

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8/24/2020	Benjamin Van Ryzin	<p>Hello City Council members, I was thinking we could use the money for some kind of food/shelter/rent program for people who have been displaced due to the economic devastation of COVID-19. If not that, then maybe we could provide low income families with a laptop and internet access, so the kids can access school from home. Lastly, if nothing else we should invest in renewable energy for the city. Thank you for your time</p>